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S.B. No. 151

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the recognition of foreign adoptions and the issuance
3 of a supplementary birth certificate.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 162, Family Code, is
6 amended by adding Section 162.023 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 162.023. ADOPTION ORDER FROM FOREIGN COUNTRY. (a)
8 Except as otherwise provided by federal law, an adoption order
9 rendered to a United States citizen that is made under due process
10 of law by a foreign country shall be accorded full faith and credit
11 by the courts of this state and enforced as if the order were
12 rendered by a court in this state.

13 (b) A person who adopts a child in a foreign country may
14 register the order in this state. A petition for registration of a
15 foreign adoption order may be combined with a petition for a name
16 change. If the court finds that the foreign adoption order meets
17 the requirements of Subsection (a), the court shall order the state
18 registrar to:

19 (1) register the order under Chapter 192, Health and
20 Safety Code; and

21 (2) file a certificate of birth for the child under
22 Section 192.006, Health and Safety Code.

23 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.